

REMARKS

Initially, the applicant would like to thank Examiner Pihulic for the helpful and courteous telephonic interview conducted with applicant's representative on August 28, 2007, in conjunction with the Office Action of August 15, 2007. During the interview, Examiner Pihulic indicated that the current application would be in condition for allowance if the 35 USC §112, second paragraph based rejection is overcome. Additionally, Examiner Pihulic indicated that in his search he did not locate any relevant prior art teaching the currently claimed invention, or which would make the claimed invention obvious.

Additionally, the applicant would like to thank Examiner Pihulic for indicating in his Supplemental Office Action of August 28, 2007 at item 2 page 1, that the claims 1-11 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection.

Upon entry of the present Amendment-B, the application includes claims 1-11, of which claims 1, 2 and 9 are independent. Claims 1, 2 and 9 have been amended by the present amendment.

Amendments

Claims 1, 2 and 9 have been amended herein to correct errors associated with antecedent basis as identified by the Examiner. Specifically, applicant has amended the claim language to replace -- the value indicated-- with "a value indicated" in claim 1, and to replace --the indicated value-- with "an indicated value" in claims 2 and 9, respectively.

Applicant respectfully submits that the above amendments are fully supported by the original disclosure including drawings. Applicant also respectfully submits that no new matter is introduced into the application by amending the claims because since the entire subject matter thereof was expressly or inherently disclosed in the original claims, specification and drawings. The above amendments are believed to overcome the rejection of claims 1-11 under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Moreover, all claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance based on the Examiner's indication.

Conclusion

Based on all of the foregoing, applicant respectfully submits that the rejection set forth in the Office Action is overcome, and that as presently amended, all of the pending claims are believed to be allowable. Therefore, the applicant now believes that the application is now in condition for allowance and a notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Applicant requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record, and allowance of the pending claims.

If the Examiner is not fully convinced of the patentability of all of the claims now in the application, applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner telephonically contact applicant's undersigned representative to expeditiously resolve any issues remaining in the prosecution of the application.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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